




Llanwrtyd Wells Urban District  
Report  
of the  
Medical Officer of Health  
for the year 1966

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Mr.Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my annual report on the sanitary conditions and the state of the public health in the Llanwrtyd Wells Urban District during the year 1966.

In the preparation of this report I have endeavoured to deal briefly with all matters within my responsibility regarding public health and preventive medicine and I have included all the subjects specifically requested in Circular 1/67(Wales) by the Welsh Board of Health.

Section 1. General and Vital Statistics.

Area.....1648 acres.

Population.

Census 1931.....	742.
Census 1951.....	560.
Census 1961.....	536.
Estimated at Midsummer 1966.....	510.

Population estimated during the last 10 years.

1957. 1958. 1959. 1960. 1961. 1962. 1963. 1964. 1965. 1966.

510. 500. 490. 490. 510. 500. 500. 530. 510. 510.

Number of inhabited houses.....192. This gives an average number of 2.7 persons per house.

<u>Live Births.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Crude Rate per 1000 Pop.</u>
Legitimate	1.	2.	3.	
Illegitimate	0.	0.	0.	
	1.	2.	3.	5.8

Corrected birthrate.....8.5

The corresponding rate for the whole of England and Wales was 17.7

The district rate was therefore lower than the national average and also, as will be seen, lower than the deathrate.

<u>Deaths.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Crude Rate per 1000 Pop.</u>
	5.	4.	9.	17.6

The corrected deathrate was 11.6

The corresponding rate for the whole of England and Wales was 11.7

The district rate was therefore lower than the national average but, as will be seen, higher than the birthrate.

<u>Still Births.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Rate per 1000 Live &amp; Still Births.</u>
	0.	0.	0.	0.

The corresponding rate for the whole of England and Wales was 15.4

The district rate was therefore lower than the national average.

Illegitimacy. There were no illegitimate births registered during the year.





Infantile Mortality. This is the number of deaths occurring in children of under one year of age. No such deaths occurred in the district during the year.  
National Infantile Mortality rate.....19.0.

Maternal Deaths. No deaths occurred which could be attributed to child-birth. This is a very satisfactory feature.

Maternal Mortality Rate.....0.

Deaths from Special Causes.

Infectious Disease.....Nil.  
Respiratory Tuberculosis.....Nil.  
Other tuberculous disease.....Nil.  
Cancer.....3.

Analysis of Causes of Deaths.      Males....5.      Females....4.

Males.      Females.

Other malignant neoplasms.....1.....2.  
Vascular lesions of nervous system.....1.....0.  
Other heart disease.....2.....1.  
Bronchitis.....1.....0.  
Suicide.....0.....1.

Section 2. General Provisions of Health Services. There were no changes in your Public Health Officers during the year. Mr.J.C.Bowen continued to act as your Public Health Inspector. Mr.C.R.Morgan terminated his employment on the 31st.December 1965.

Laboratory Facilities. During the year laboratory facilities were available at Cardiff, Newport, Carmarthen, Swansea and Aberystwyth. The laboratory of the Public Analyst for the County of Carmarthen was available for water samples whilst any investigation required in the control of infectious disease was performed by the Public Health Laboratory at Carmarthen, but samples must now be taken by car owing to discontinuance of rail service. The laboratory at Shrewsbury was also available during the year.

Nursing Facilities etc. The County Council are responsible for the provision of ambulance facilities, home nursing and child welfare, immunisation, and the treatment of minor ailments, dental, eye and orthopaedic defects.

Hospitals. The hospital needs of the residents of the district, for all diseases apart from infectious disease, are provided by the Local Hospital at Builth Wells.

The arrangements for the treatment of infectious disease remain the same as in previous years. Merthyr Borough Council treat the patients from the district suffering from infectious disease and these are conveyed to Merthyr in ambulances maintained by Merthyr.

These arrangements are proving extremely satisfactory. For the treatment of smallpox cases arrangements have been made by the Welsh Board of Health for beds to be available at the Penrhys Hospital, Rhondda. Hereford Fever Hospital is also able to take cases of infectious disease.

Section 3. Sanitary Circumstances.

Water Supplies. The Radnorshire and North Breconshire Water Board now administers the water supply to the district.

Number of inspections made.....7.  
Number of samples taken from town supply.....28.  
Twenty seven samples were reported as satisfactory and 1 unsatisfactory.  
Two chemical samples were taken.





Properties served from Public Water mains.

Number of properties served direct to house .....	188.
Population thus served .....	479.
Number of properties served by standpipes .....	2.
Population thus served .....	5.
Number of houses on private supply .....	8.
Number of persons so served .....	17.

Drainage and Sewerage. The drainage of the district and the excellent sewage disposal works continue to function satisfactory during the year.

Number of inspections made .....15.  
The works is now 35 years old and various replacements have been made.

Public Cleansing. Refuse was collected once weekly throughout the year by direct labour. This service has proved satisfactory and no complaints have been received.

Sanitary inspection of the Area. The sanitary inspection of the area was undertaken by the Public Health Inspector. All details relating to inspections, notices served, visits and samples taken in the whole of the report give information relating to the work of the Public Health Inspector during the year.

Nuisances.

Number of complaints received .....	15.
Number of complaints investigated .....	15.
Number of premises inspected .....	15.
Number of premises revisited .....	15.
Number of preliminary notices served .....	8.
Number of abatement notices served .....	0.

Offensive Trades. There are no offensive trades in the district.

Common Lodging Houses. No common lodging houses exist in the district.

Shops.

Number of inspections made by Public Health Inspector .....	17.
Number of notices served .....	1.

Licensed Premises.

Number of inspections made by Public Health Inspector.....	5.
Number of notices served (informal) .....	1.

Camping Sites. There are no recognised camping sites in the district.

Eradication of Bed Bugs and steps taken to combat infestation.

No premises were found to be verminous during the year.

Rodent Control. This work was carried out by a Council workman.

Number of premises inspected .....	23.
Number of inspections and revisits .....	57.
Number found infested .....	19.
Number of premises treated by Rodent Operator .....	19.
Number of premises treated by occupier .....	0.

The refuse disposal tip and sewage works were treated at monthly intervals. The sewers were also treated during the year. Ten percent of manholes were baited and there were no bait takes at any of the manholes.

Legal proceedings. No legal proceedings were instituted during the year.

Tent, Vans and Sheds.

Number of visits .....	1.
Number of notices .....	0.

Section 4. Housing. No new houses were built during the year.





Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925, Article 31.

One closing order was issued during the year.

Improvement Grants. There were no improvement grants during the year.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963. During the year work continued under this Act. The premises registered at the end of the year were:-

Offices .....3.  
Retail Shops .....1.  
Catering Establishments ..1.  
Number of visits by P.H.I.9.

These were all inspected. No exemptions were granted and no prosecutions occurred during the year.

Section 5. Inspection and Supervision of Food. In connection with clean food no educational activity occurred during the year. The number of food premises by type in the district were: 6 Licensed Premises, 1, Bakehouse, 3 Butchers, 2 Cafes and 7 others carrying on a "mixed" business.

Food and Drugs Act 1955. Section 16. The premises registered under this section were 6 ice cream premises and three butchers.

Milk. Since the coming into operation of the Milk & Dairies Act, 1944, the Council is left with the registration and supervision of milk distributors. Fifteen samples were examined during the year, all were satisfactory and brucella negative.

Meat. The Private slaughterhouse was operated during the year. Details of animals killed etc. are given below:-

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or part.

	Cattle excluding cows.	Calves	Pigs	Sheep and Lambs	Horses.
Carcases slaughtered	-	-	-	479.	-
Number inspected	-	-	-	479	-

All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cystercerci.

Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned. - - - 116. -

Whole carcases condemned. - - - - -

Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis or cystercerci. - - - 24.2. -

Tuberculosis only.

Whole carcases condemned. - - - - -

Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned. - - - - -

Cystercerci

Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned. - - - - -

Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration. - - - - -

Generalised and totally condemned. - - - - -



Other Foods.Food Preparation Rooms (including bakehouses)

Number of inspections made by Public Health Inspector..... 17.  
 Number of notices served ..... 3.

Ice Cream.

Number of retailers only, all selling prepacked ..... 6.  
 The samples taken were three and all were in Category 1.

Preserved Food Premises.

Number of inspections ..... 11.

Fried Fish Shops. There was no fried fish shop in the district during the year.

Other Foods Condemned. Eight chickens and one ham were condemned during the year.

Public Swimming Pool. A Purley type swimming pool and also a paddling pool, with necessary changing rooms, were constructed during 1965 on the Dolwen playing field. They have proved quite attractive and remained open until the middle of September. These pools were also used by Llanwrtyd, Llangammarch and Beulah schools on a sessional basis.

Cemetery. Two burials took place in the new Cemetery during the year.

SECTION 6. Prevalence and Control of Infectious Disease.

No cases of notifiable infectious disease were reported to me during the year.

Venereal Disease. The County Council has an agreement with the General and Eye Hospital, Swansea, for the treatment of these cases. The tracing of contacts and the following up of defaulters is the responsibility of the County Council.

Tuberculosis. The following details show the position as regards tuberculosis in recent years.

Number of cases on register at commencement of year .....	8.
Number of cases entered during the year .....	1.
Number of cases removed as deceased .....	0.
Number of cases removed as recovered .....	1.
Number of cases removed as left district .....	1.
Number of cases remaining on register at end of year .....	7.

Contacts of these cases are now offered prophylactic treatment by B.C.G.

The number of notifications in recent years is shown below :-

1956.	1957.	1958.	1959.	1960.	1961.	1962.	1963.	1964.	1965.	1966.
3.	0.	2.	2.	0.	3.	0.	1.	0.	2.	1.

The new case entered this year was a transfer from another district.

APPENDIXFactories Acts, 1937 to 1959.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1966 FOR THE URBAN DISTRICT OF LLANWRTYD WELLS IN THE COUNTY OF BRECON.







1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	Number on Register. (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
i. Factories in which Sec. 1,2,3 4 and 5 are to be enforced by Local Authority.	-	-	-	-
ii. Factories not included in (i) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by Local Authority.	4	9	-	-
iii. Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	-	-	-	-
Total	4	9	-	-

2. CASES in which DEFECTS were found.

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more cases).

Particulars	No. of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	
Want of cleanliness (s.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (s.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (s.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (s4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (s.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (s. 7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or def. ective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

There was no out-work done in the district during the year.

Yours faithfully,  
T.C.R. GEORGE.  
Medical Officer of Health.

